

Timeline: Articles of Confederation

General Historical Events

Diplomatic Documents & Events

1781

Mar.: Articles of Confederation Adopted

Sept.: Spanish est. City of Los Angeles

1782

Undated: First use of Mississippi for commerce

1783

July: American loyalists given Canadian land

1784

July: New York merchants open trade with China

Sept.: Russia establishes a colony at Kodiak, Alaska

Undated: First American cotton shipped to England

Feb.: *A Prussian Desire for Tobacco*

1785

May: Land Ordinance of 1785

July: Dollar chosen as U.S. currency

May: John Adams *Thirteen Ambassadors*

Sept.: *Treaty of Friendship & Commerce with Prussia*

Dec.: *Few Advantages of an Intimate Connection*

1786

Jan.: *Samuel Shaw Consul at Canton*

May: *The Captives at Algiers*

June: *The Unfortunate Captives*
What Shall be done with Spain?
Treaty of Peace & Friendship with Morocco

July: *Jay has Managed Dishonestly*

Aug.: Shay's Rebellion

Aug.: *Jay Negotiations with Gardoqui*

Dec.: Mission Santa Barbara founded by Spain in California

Dec.: *Samuel Shaw's Dispatch from China*

1787

May.: Constitutional Convention Convenes

Sept.: New Constitution Adopted

Apr.: *States and Treaties*
American Slaves in Algiers

1788

Mar.: Great New Orleans fire kills 25% of the population

Oct.: *Delay in Negotiations with Spain*